



**Downtown Toronto Human Services and Justice
Coordinating Committee (DT-HSJCC)
Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2018
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Old City Hall, Room 14**

Present: Susan Davis (Co-chair), Gerstein Centre; Domenica Dileo, HSJCC; Esther Daniel, Judiciary; Rhona Zitney, Fred Victor/JC; Scott Skinner, Toronto Network of Specialized Care; Flora Matheson, Centre for Urban Health Solutions; Robb Johannes, Fred Victor; Debbie Lynch, CTYS; Amber Kellen, JHS Toronto; Justin Resurreccion, Probation and Parole/Anti Guns and Gangs Unit, Hyun Ryu, TBI and the Justice System; Scott Large, Toronto South Detention Centre(TSDC); Kelly Gilbert, Youthdale Treatment Centres; Robin Cuff, CAMH Drug Treatment Court; Michelle Campese, Toronto Police Service; Debbie Lucas, Toronto Bail Program; Lindsay Jennings, PASAN; Dr. Angela Colantonio, TBI and the Justice System, Dr. Catherine Wiseman-Hakes, TBI and the Justice System; Natasha Brofman, CMHA

Regrets: Katie Almond (Co-chair) Riverdale Probation and Parole; Gord Reid, Toronto Police Service; Charlene Crews, Toronto Community Housing; Steve Manuel Salvation Army, Maxwell Meighen; Jennifer Altosaar, Toronto Network of Specialized Care; Jim Purvis, Salvation Army, College Park; Tiffany Taylor, Schizophrenia Society of Ontario

Welcome and Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves

Review of September 13, 2018 Minutes

The minutes of September 13^d, 2018 were approved with the amendment that Elaine Amsterdam, Gerstein Centre was in attendance.

Review Action Items:

Reviewed and completed

Presentation: Dr. Angela Colantonio, Dr. Flora Matheson, and Dr. Catherine Wiseman-Hakes on *Traumatic brain injury and the justice system: a focus on communication*

- Presentation slide decks will be circulated

Overview:

- Research on Traumatic Brain Injury, MH and Addictions in vulnerable populations. It incorporates Sex and Gender into the work and research
- How can you be involved?
- Key components of the research is: Cross-sectoral engagement with knowledge users, caregivers of persons with lived experience and service providers through research participation

Themes discussed: Notion of educating people from an informed traumatic brain injury as universal approach can be helpful . Can we weave together ABI and concurrent challenges? Can we integrate ABI research in the context of housing, safe beds, and transitional housing concerns? Can we look at the research through the lenses of Dementia and Alzheimer?

- How would you like to be involved? It was suggested having focus groups and individual interviews are ways members can participate
- It was agreed that the research team can provide periodic updates at the DT-HSJCC meetings.
- If you have clients with lived experience interested in participating in the study please refer them to the research team. They are looking for persons with lived experience who can join study's Program Advisory Committee (PAC) There are incentives for participation. PAC invitation letter will be sent for circulation.

Team contact info: mathesonf@smh.ca or catherinew.hakes@utoronto.ca or angela.colantonio@utoronto.ca

Dr. Angela Colantonio, Dr. Flora Matheson, and Dr. Catherine Wiseman-Hakes were thanked for sharing and engaging in an interactive dialogue about their study with the committee.

Lunch and Learns

Based on the members feedback the three areas for Lunch and Learn were identified:

- Managing Trauma and Grief
- Seniors and Justice
- Potential third topic identified is overdose update including crystal meth or City of Toronto Housing Resources
- Committee agreed that address bail practices/breach of bail/ probation is not feasible

Domenica Dileo will follow up on Lunch and Learn logistics. If you have a suggestion for presenter on these topics, please inform Domenica.

Toronto HSJCC Service Resolution Project Update

Susan Davis reported on the T-HSJCC meeting that took place on October 31, 2018.

Main agenda item was the Service Resolution Project. The T-HSJCC reviewed two Service Resolution (SR) Project options for the HSJCC to support and next steps.

SR project: To identify gaps in access and support for individuals with complex needs in the justice system; Develop recommendations for integration of justice supports into the existing social and justice systems

Two options were presented. Pros and cons were discussed for Option 1 and 2. Option 1 is to continue supporting the Justice Coordinator role. Option 2 is to explore a Local HSJCC to transform into a SR table. There was concern that Option 2 requires more resources. The committee unanimously agreed to continue with Option 1 but continue to explore Option 2. The T-HSJCC to pursue and secure additional funding to support either option.

Agency/Organization Updates

Michelle Campese, Moss Park Neighbourhood Officer provided information on the Dundas and Sherbourne Neighbourhood Improvement Initiative Safety Survey. Survey will be circulated to committee members.

Amber Kellen reported that the John Howard Society of Toronto (JHS-T) received standing in the inquest into the death of Bradley. The Reintegration Centre (RC) rental agreement will not be renewed as of January 31. They are looking at mobile options. Any suggestions please contact Amber.

Lindsay Jennings reported that PASAN has a harm reduction program at Moss Park.

Susan Davis reported that the Gerstein Centre was approached by the City of Toronto to increase mobile services in the downtown area. They are working with outreach workers from the WORKS to support people. Also, operating 24 hours and working with drop-in centres, St. Stephens and peer navigation from Sound Times; Regent Park, Sherbourne and Street Health. At the end of the six months project there will be an evaluation. Elaine Amsterdam is the lead on this project.

Scott Large reported on Toronto South Detention Centre(TSDC), They are doing Human Rights Tribunal at TSDC. Bail video has started at Old City Hall.

Service Resolution/Coordination Issues

None

Updates from T-HSJCC and Provincial HSJCC

The T-HSJCC met on October 31, 2018.

The PHSJCC is developing their three year work plan for 2019-2022 and are requesting the support of the Regional and Locals to conduct a priority setting exercise with their members and submit the identified priorities by December 14th.

There will be a priority setting survey sent out to the regional and local members. Please complete it to inform the Toronto Regional submission to the Provincial HSJCC.

Actions

- Domenica Dileo to circulate PowerPoint presentations slide decks.
- Domenica Dileo will follow up on Lunch N' Learn organizing and logistics

Presenter for next meeting: Scott Skinner - Dual Diagnosis and Justice Case Manager, Community Network of Specialized Care – Toronto Region

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 10, 2019 at Old City Hall, 60 Queen St. West, Room 14 from 8:30 a.m. -10:00 a.m